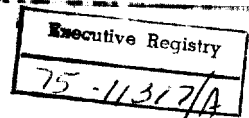
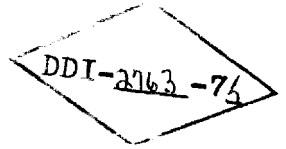


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Honorable Elmer B. Staats  
Comptroller General of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

This is in response to your letter of 9 September 1975 in which you requested access to all information held by this Agency related to the Mayaguez incident. A review of your request has indicated that most of the information requested is quite sensitive and highly classified.

In the past, the policy in sensitive areas such as this has been to brief the concerned committees of Congress directly on the details of such matters. While this procedure may change in the future as a result of the current congressional inquiries, it is felt that any decision to modify prior practice in this area should await the termination of the current investigations and suggested changes in procedures emanating therefrom.

Absent any change in the existing arrangement, we would propose to brief the Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, directly on such information as the Subcommittee may desire from CIA.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

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